(d) Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways (MoSRT and H) has not received any suggestion from NHAI on accidents on Expressways. Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) has in the recent past, carried out the following studies on this issue:—

(i) Road Safety Audit of NOIDA Toll Bridge Expressway (November, 2001);

(ii) Mumbai Pune Expressway — Safety Audit (July, 2004);

(iii) Road Safety Audit for conversion of Delhi-Gurgaon Section of NH-8 (14.30 km. to 42.00 km.) into Access-controlled Highway, June, 2008.

Certain suggestions/recommendations have been given by CRRI on accidents on Expressways. Some of the important recommendations provided by CRRI are as below:—

i. Improvement of Safety at entry and exit points of Expressway.

ii. Use of Traffic Control Devices like Road Signs (Chevron road signs) markings and signals.

iii. Provision of Road Side objects and obstacles like crash barriers, safety fencing, clear zones etc. for hazards like trees, signs posts, open drains.

iv. Improvement of cross-section design elements like roadways, shoulders, medians, drainage etc. for better safety.

v. Safety at service areas like motels, petrol pumps.

vi. Special provisions for safety of non-users of expressway like pedestrians, cyclists, two-wheelers and other non-motorized road users as the facilities.

vii. Augmentation of Safety at Side slopes, junctions, service roads.

viii. Better safety Provision at Toll plazas were also provided.

ix. Better Safety in tunnels for Mumbai-Pune expressway.

x. Recommendations on non-engineering measures like enforcement, vehicle operation and maintenance, use of passenger vehicles, vehicles, driver behavior and education.

Action on the recommendations of CRRI is to be taken by various State Government agencies like Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Ltd., New Okhla Industrial Development Authority (NOIDA) etc.

Annual plans and periodical renewal programmes

†1964. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that annual plans are approved generally in the months of June/July every year and as such is it possible to have the periodical renewal programmes in the months of July/August;

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(b) if so, the action being taken by the Central Government for approval of renewal programmes in advance; and

(c) the action being taken by Government for an early approval of the annual plans and that of the periodical renewal programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The Annual Plan and the Periodical Renewal (PR) programme are approved only after the allocations of funds for Plan and Non-Plan works are approved by the Government.

(b) and (c) This Ministry initiates the process for finalizing the prioritized list of works to be taken up under Annual Plan and PR programme in advance based on the anticipated allocation.

CRF Road proposals from Madhya Pradesh

†1965. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals submitted for approval by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for the construction of roads under the Central Road Fund (CRF) during the last three years;

(b) the number of proposals out of these approved by Government;

(c) the reasons for the disapproval of those proposals for the construction of roads; and

(d) by when the pending proposals would be accorded approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Number of proposals submitted for approval by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh and approved by the Government of India for the construction of roads under the CRF during the last three years are tabulated below:—

Year	No. of proposals submitted by Government of Madhya Pradesh		No. of proposals approved by Government	
	Number	Amount (Rs. in crore)	Number	Amount (Rs. in crore)
2005-06	68	357.50	37	128.43
2006-07	71	401.02	27	103.02
2007-08	30	182.93	18	107.99

(c) and (d) Sanction of CRF works in any year is regulated on the basis of annual accrual to the State, prioritisation of works to be taken up during that year as proposed by State

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